

JUN 13 2006

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 47400-0100 (252658)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
West et al.)
Serial No. 09/653,406) Art Unit: 1618
Filed: September 1, 2000) Examiner: Fubara, Blessing M.
For: Nitric Oxide-Producing Hydrogel)
Materials)

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Mailstop Amendment
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed February 13, 2006, applicants respectfully request amendment of the claims as follows and reconsideration of the claims based upon the amendments and the following remarks. Applicants respectfully request a one-month extension of time to expire on June 13, 2006, to file a Response to the Non-Final Office Action. A Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time and Form PTO-2038 authorizing the charge of the fee for a one-month extension of time are enclosed.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

Conclusion begins on page 7 of this paper.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being sent to the United States Patent and Trademark Office via facsimile transmission to 571-273-8300 attention Centralized Fax Department on June 13, 2006.


Jamie L. Greene- Reg. No. 32,467

9355860.2